

H96DA Minutes

March 15, 2007

Director Attendees: Dr. William Long, Paul Johnson, Elliott Richardson, Steve Turner, Ruth Forrest, Harold Forister

Other Attendees: Joe Prothro, DSP Architect and Donna Wells, 96 Chamber

Dr. William Long called the meeting to order and opened with an invocation.

Due to time restraints, Dr. Long allowed Joe Prothro to present his proposals for the new Visitors/Heritage Center.

Architectural Proposal for Visitors Center

Joe Prothro presented drawings of proposed New Visitors/Heritage Center. Joe stated that he would run requests for bids in the newspaper starting the weekend of March 17, 2007.

Joe stated that he should be able to make a presentation back to the Board by April 19.

Contractors bids are good for sixty (60) days but recommended not going over forty-five (45) days. Contractors become uneasy and concerned about increased building costs Or the uncertainty persons seeking bids.

Some potential bidders would be Unireal-Greenwood, Cannon-Newberry, Town & Country-Greenwood, Moore Construction-Newberry and Chandler Construction.

Director Johnson inquired whether width of hallway would accommodate brochure display rack. Joe felt an eight (8) foot hallway should be sufficient for display and adequate for ADA requirements.

Joe stated the building materials would consist of the following:

- Sheetrock walls
- Solid wood interior doors
- Hollow metal exterior doors
- Jeldwen vinyl clad windows exterior surface with painted interior surface
- Sheet vinyl floor covering in bathrooms
- Vinyl tile in hallway
- Carpet in Heritage/Great Room and offices
- Acoustical 2 x 2 ceiling tile
- Lay-in 2 x 2 fluorescent light in halls
- Wall washer can lights in Heritage Room
- Lights over bathroom vanities
- Wall receptacles in Heritage Room every 6 ft
- Wall receptacle in hallway for copier
- Wall receptacles in each office

Dr. Long inquired about the possibility of wainscoting for the walls. Director Johnson said that

one (1) sheet of bead board could be cut in half and used as wainscoting. Joe said that it would be an additional cost.

Donna Wells asked about the use of polished concrete instead of carpet. Joe stated that it ranges between \$5-\$7 per sq ft. Carpet runs about \$32 yd. Resulting in a close cost Comparison. Director Turner expressed concerns about cracking and methods of reinforcement and expansion materials.

Joe agreed to do an alternate add bid for the following:

- Wainscoting for hall and Heritage Room
- Polished concrete in hall and Heritage Room

Director Johnson asked about significant salvage items from the current Visitors Center. None of historic significance noted. Possible salvage of front window and door mentioned. Joe stated the cost of trying to salvage would not be feasible.

Joe agreed to provide cost per room ASAP for seeking donors (naming opportunities).

Joe would have bids submitted to his office. After bids are finalized a preconstruction conference will be held.

Director Johnson agreed to contact Joe Chandler concerning demolition.

Director Elliott Richardson agreed to contact Ronnie Powell concerning demolition.

Joe stated that the demolition contractor facilitated processing fees.

Joe left copies of the New Visitors/Heritage Center.

Review of Minutes and Financial Statement

The Board reviewed and adopted the March minutes.

No Financial statement was available due to coordinator, Charlie Harts illness.

Concert Series

Dr. Long thanked all that helped with the Concert Series.

Donna Wells presented financial statement of Concert Series. Wells encouraged more Director participation from participating entities in ticket sales and promotion for the 2008 series.

Wells also recommended acquiring the same performers for 2008 series. She emphasized the importance of maintaining event credibility in order to secure necessary grant funding for future series.

Wells stated the next big event would be the Town Wide Festival, Saturday, April 14. Director Johnson suggested a festival theme such as Ware Shoals Catfish Feastival. Dr. Long mentioned the biggest task the day of the festival is making sure participants are set up in the assigned spaces.

Wells mentioned the William Bruce Ezell Memorial Highway dedication would also be April 14 @ 3:00pm. She would be sending invitations to local dignitaries and the public is invited.

Grants

Dr. Long stated that the Accomodations Tax in the amount of \$3,000 has not yet been received.

-\$2,500 Tourism Partnership Grant, Charlie Harts had just completed request for the 2008 Concert Series/Town Wide Festival.

-\$20,000 Heritage Corridor matching grant

-\$60,000 Budget and Control Grant

-(2) \$500 Tourism Marketing Grants for 2007 Town Wide Festival

-\$175,000 Bond monies from Greenwood County for New Visitors/Heritage Center

Director Johnson inquired about projected start time for much needed Depot repairs.

Dr. Long stated repair work could not start until OK was given by SC Archives.

96 Preservation and Revitalization (96 PART)

Wells reported that the 96 PART was seeking outside assistance with a comprehensive plan.

Jon Baggett with the SC Department of Commerce will be visiting Ninety Six to meet with town leaders March 22. He is willing to work with the group to help seek necessary assistance.

96 Partners for Beautification

Wells reported that she would be making a presentation to the 96 Town Council for a new beautification program, 96 Partners for Beautification. There is a group from Grand Harbor willing to donate time and resources to help beautify the Gazebo.

With no further discussion the meeting adjourned.

Respectively submitted,

Donna Wells

